Statement-II

Import of Synthetic and regenerated fibres suitable for spinning and machines for extruding man-made textiles.

(Value in Rs. Crores)

Year	Synthetic & regenerated fibres suitable for spinning	Machines for extruding man-made textiles
1980-81	96 53	0.20
1981-82	173.18	1.01
1982-83	145.66	0.23
1983-84	104.81	0. 45
1984-85	60.27	0.31
1985-86	63.63	0.53
1986-87	44.11 (P)	NA
1987-88	2823 (P)	NA

P : Provisional

Source : Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Calcutta.

Import of Timber

871. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of timber and timber products imported into the country year-wise from 1978 to 1988 so far and the value thereof;

(b) what are the reasons that prompted such imports; and

(c) what steps, if any, are being taken to stop or drastically reduce such imports for conserving foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) A statement showing the import of wood in the rough or roughly squared form during 1977-78 to 1985-86 is attached. Data is available upto March '86 only. (See Appendix CXLVIII Annexure No. 37A]

(b) Import of timber has been allowed with a view to conserve the country's depleting forest resources. Under the current policy import of all kinds of timber logs (if sawn and rectangular or square, the minimum size of log should be 10 cm X 10 cm X 2 m; if cylindrical, minimum size of the log should be 10 cmX2 m. length is allowed under Open General Licence to all persons for stock and sale. The import is allowed at concessional rate of duty. Consequently, actual users can import timber for their own use or procure the imported timber from stockists.

(c) From the data available, it may be seen that foreign exchange outgo on this account is minimal. Further, with a view to conserve forest resources, no steps are considered necessary to reduce such imports.

Godown storage facility for Cotton

872. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cotton Corporation of India has announced godown storage facility for cotton for the textile mills; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme indicating the interest rate proposed to be charged by CCI on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

1. The Corporation will extend Godown storage facility to all Textile Mills who agree to the terms and conditions the sailent features of which are detailed below:—

1. Cotton bales will be despatched on the basis of the contract finalised and the bales approved/selected.

2. 10 per cent of the value of the specific lots plus transportation charges should be paid in advance and only those specific lots earmarked for a particular mill will be despatched to the CCI/Mills Godowns. The 10 per cent advance will be adjusted at the time of delivery.

3. The rate of carrying charges will be 2.5 per cent per month prorata on a quarterly basis as per the contract till the bales are paid for and lifted.

4. Wherever the CCI has no storage facility, the Corporation may agree to store the bales in Mills Godown with lock and key under the custody of CCI and delivery will be made directly against full payment.

5. The Corporation will arrange transit Insurance and Storage Insurance.

6. All expenses in loading/unloading at the spot, freight, unloading/loading at destination and in the Godown etc. will be on Mills account.

2. The Corporation does not charge any interest under the Scheme, except the carrying charges as mentioned at Points—3 above.

Payment of rent by Dena bank for Connaught Circus premises

873. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2763 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether despite the Dena Bank and the actual allotte mutually agreeing to a reasonable increase in rent since 1984 in respect of premises bearing No. 206, Akash Deep, Connaught Circus, New Delhi, the former has neither paid the agreed rent to the landlord nor renewed the lease agreement till date; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take to avoid further delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Dena Bank has reported that it has not been possible to arrive at an agreement with the landlord on all points due to stipulation of conditions by the landlord not acceptable to it.

(b) Matters relating to leasing of premises are governed by the tenancy laws and the terms of the contracts between the contracting parties and within the overall guidelines of RBI in this regard.